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SUBJECT: KALPAKKAM ATOMIC POWER PROJECT

REF: A. NEW DELHI 9014; B. NEW DELHI 9057

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN OFFICER AUGUST 13, N.S.
SIVA, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, ATOMIC ENERGY DEPARTMENT
(MADRAS), HAD THE FOLLOWING TO SAY ABOUT THE ATOMIC POWER
PROJECT IN KALPAKKAM:

A. SAFEGUARDS: CANADIAN REFUSAL TO SUPPLY COMPONENTS
FOR KALPAKKAM WILL NOT INDUCE THE GOI TO RECONSIDER POSITION
ON SAFEGUARDS AS THIS QUESTION LINKED DIRECTLY TO INDIAN
STANCE ON THE NPT.

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B. ALTERNATE SOURCES OF SUPPLY: COMPONENTS THAT WOULD

HAVE COME FROM CANADA WILL BE PROCURED LOCALLY OR FROM OTHER EXTERNAL SOURCES. SIVA IMPLIED THAT FRANCE WAS POSSIBLE SUPPLIER.

C. PROJECT DEADLINE: THE FIRST UNIT WILL GO CRITICAL IN 1976/77 AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED. SINCE AMOUNT OF IMPORTED COMPONENTS REQUIRED NEGLIGIBLE, CANADIAN REFUSAL TO SUPPLY THEM SHOULD NOT DELAY PROJECT.

D. NUCLEAR OPTION: SIVA PUT IT SUCCINCTLY: OUT OF THE QUESTION.

2. COMMENT: SIVA HAS BEEN A RELIABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT KALPAKKAM IN THE PAST AND WE BELIEVE HIS STATEMENTS ARE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF OFFICIAL GOI POLICY. GIVEN PREVIOUS CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLY PROBLEMS AT KALPAKKAM, HOWEVER, HIS ESTIMATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE FIRST UNIT MAY BE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC.

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